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Please amend FIGS. 2(a), 2(b), 4(a), 4(b), 5, 6(a), 6(b) and 6(c) as shown on the attached sheets (replacement sheets and annotated sheets).

FIGS. 2(a), 2(b), 4(a), 4(b), 6(a), 6(b) and 6(c) are modified by the addition of separate labels “FIG. 2(a)”, “FIG. 2(b)”, etc., while FIG. 5 is modified by the addition of reference number 2 and a lead line for same.

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present Preliminary Amendment-A the claims in the application are claims 1-15, of which claims 1 and 12 are independent.

Prior to the present amendment, the claims (1-4) of the international application were as set forth in an amendment under Article 34, dated 27 March 2003. In such amendment under Article 34, the original claims 1-2 of the international application were modified and claims 3-4 were added.

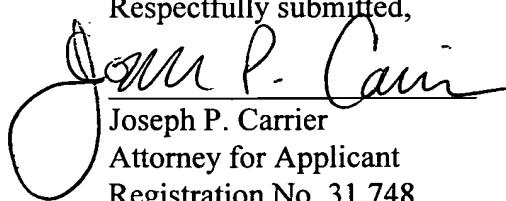
The specification, claims, abstract and drawings are amended to overcome minor informalities therein, and new claims 5-15 are added to define additional aspects of the invention. Specifically regarding the drawing modifications, again, FIGS. 2(a), 2(b), 4(a), 4(b), 6(a), 6(b) and 6(c) are modified by the addition of separate labels "FIG. 2(a)", "FIG. 2(b)", etc., while FIG. 5 is modified by the addition of reference number 2 and a lead line for same.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the above amendments are fully supported by the original application. Applicant also respectfully submits that the above amendments do not introduce any new matter into the application.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

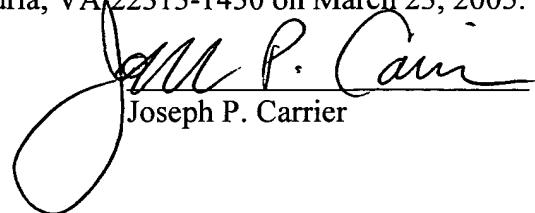
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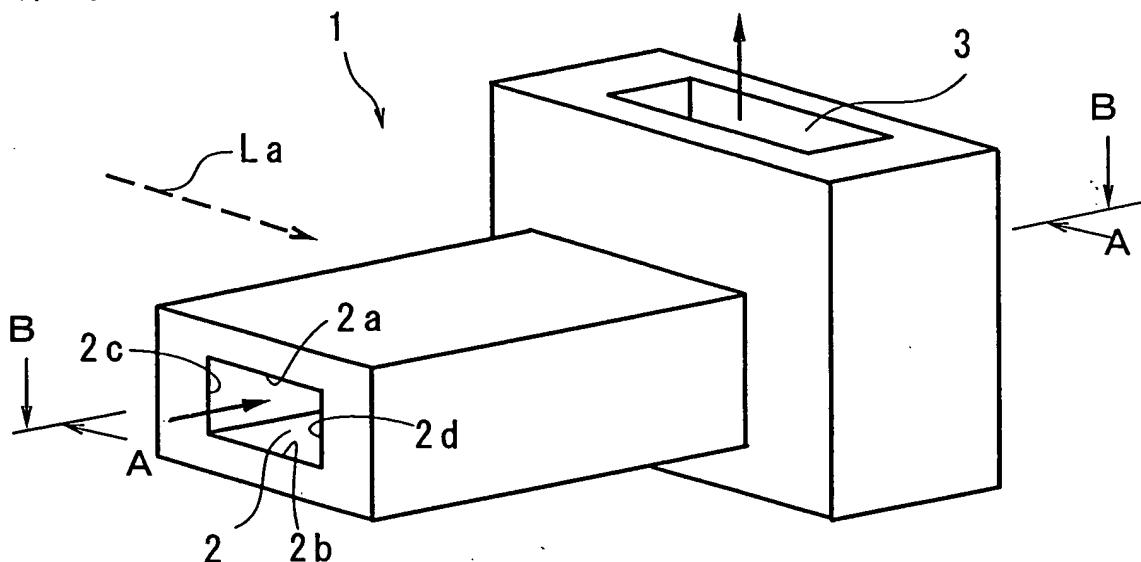


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FIG. 1



~~FIG. 2~~

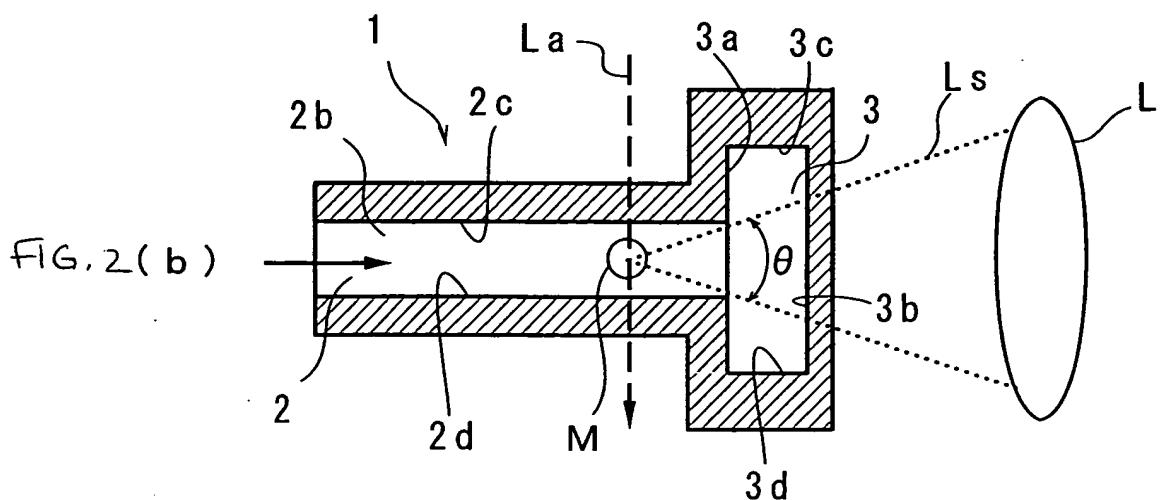
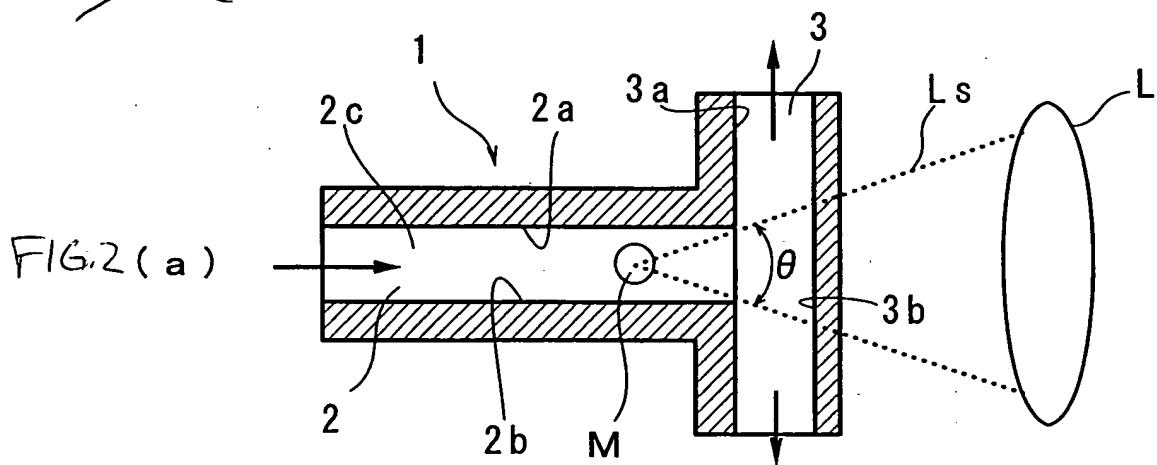
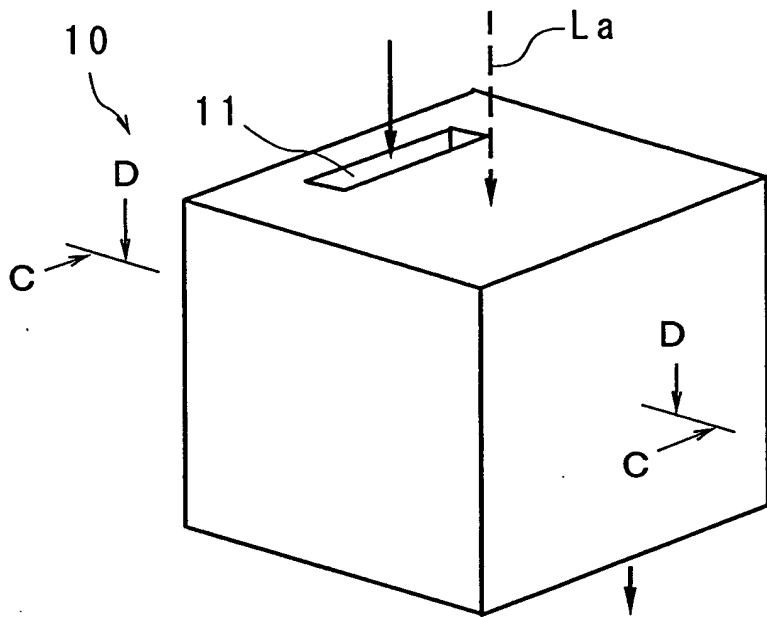


FIG. 3



~~FIG. 4~~

FIG. 4(a)

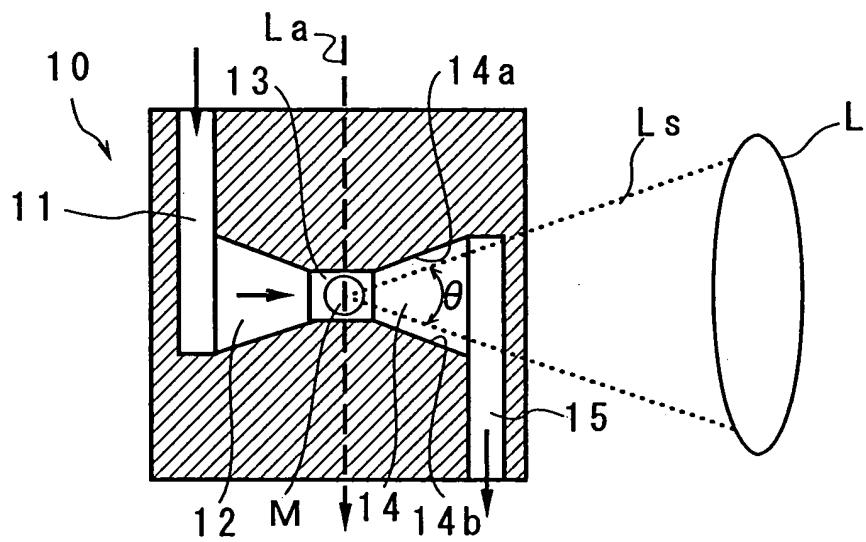
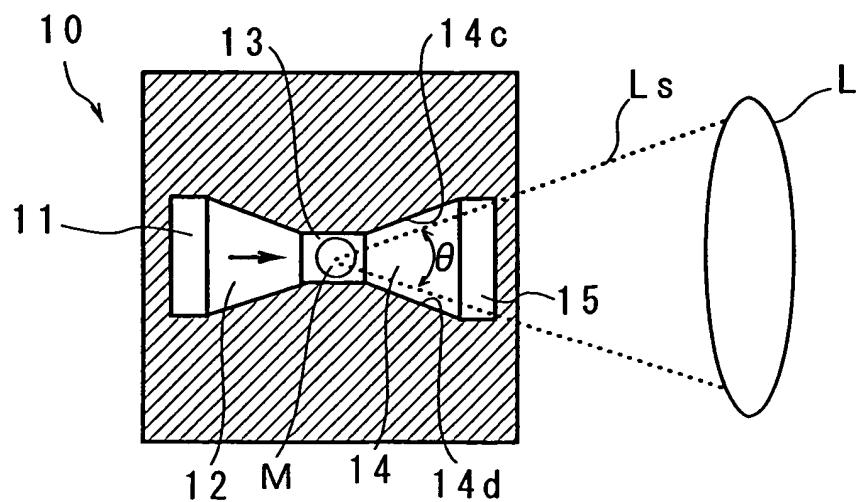


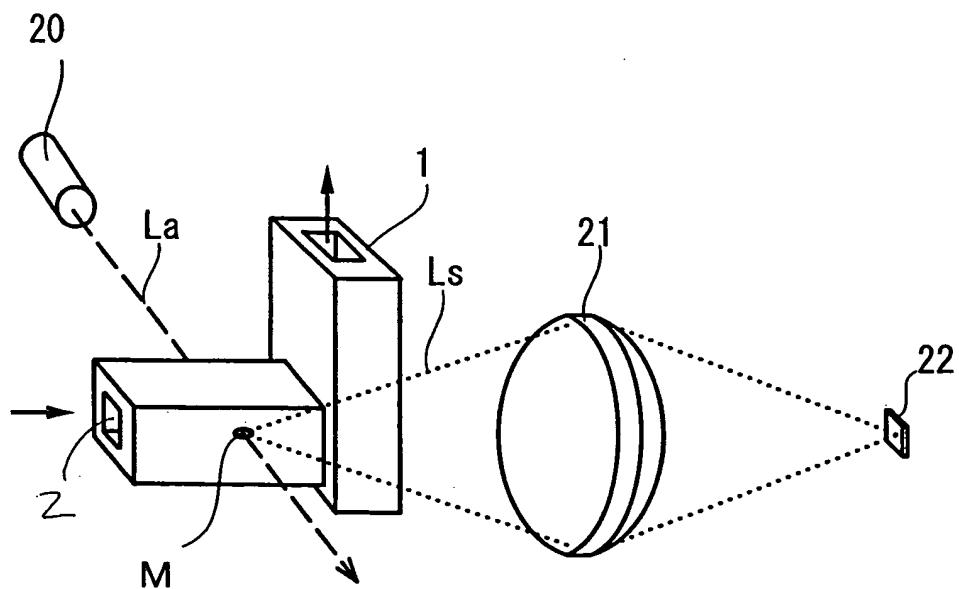
FIG. 4(b)



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FIG. 5



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